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Boston

From Rev. Mr. Lusk

(Maps)

Salem—but I understood from the
plan was supplied. I shall be hap-
py to hear from you if any thing
occurs worthy of notice. My aim is to
do good, & be the means of benefitting
the cause in wh. you are engaged, more
than I can by staying here—

What will be the end of the opposition
of members of our connexion to this
cause, God only knows—whether it will
be amalgamation or revolution! But
we shall know soon. Brother Root
is doing nobly. The good seed is
sown. We have just had our coun-
cil meeting, & a greatly increased deleg-
& interest. But there is secret oppo-
sition, & "public opinion societies," wh.
do not assume a tangible form!

Yours with much love,

Wm Lusk.

It may be my happiness to see you
ere long any way, if in Boston. This will
be my head quarters till April or May &

I know nothing about Cambridgeport, & should be unwilling to go there on trial, unless the prospect was fair. I have been a hard student. My preparation is somewhat extensive. And I would prefer a place, at least, where there should be room to build up, & do something in earnest, not only in preaching the gospel, but in the cause of reform. I say this with due modesty, but from a sense of duty. When I left my previous charge (more than doubled while I was with them) & before the schism in the Presb. ch., I took letters from such men as Dr. Miller, N.Y. Dr. McCauley, N.Y. Dr. Tucker, Providence &c. &c. - which shew, that in their view, I was then qualified for an "extensive charge".

You will pardon me for being thus express. What may be the case with Cambridgeport, you may know, better than myself, or St. Clair. That may not be material. But should a door open in your region, of the kind hinted at, & you can secure me (ingress), I will endeavor at least to command respect. This I may say, with propriety. That I am an abolitionist & have done good here is hinted at by Dr. Briggs in his letters ^{to Mr. Emerson} - to shew that abolitionism is not at war with reverals! But enough. I spoke to St. Clair about the recent vacancy in

Williamsburgh Jan 29. 1840

Very dear Brother, Rev. Wm Lusk.

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In near view of leaving my charge in March next, brother St. Clair, (who is by the way truly efficient in these parts) said something to me about a vacancy in Cambridgeport, or rather succession from Storn's parish &c; that a man of abolition principle & generous views was wanted there; & that he should drop you a line relative to myself. He advised me also to write you. So the thing stands. I know not whether he has written you on this point. But as he said he should, I have thought proper to say a few words myself.

I am expecting to leave my present charge soon, not because I cannot stay here, but because I never designed. Removing the meeting house, has rent off a part of the parish. The opposition of one deacon to the abolition cause, (who is finally set aside from serving the church) has been unwelcome. Otherwise I have done well here. The church is nearly doubled in No, 120 being added as the fruit of the late revival. The place is abolitionised &c. But I have met such opposition in some things, & the place is so strait, that I think I can be more useful elsewhere. That is all.

But as to a plan, whether I would remove, I should be somewhat critical.

By
Stone